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What I have to ask you has been asked by many, and my reasoning should be very familiar.

Please count my voice with all the Americans outside of California who would fight to see the Delta smelt and Chinook salmon survive rather than the delta stripped of water to supply almond trees in a desert, or to let golf courses water their greens.

The politically powerful, wealthy elite have enough privileges. Destroying an important American delta ecosystem should not be one of them.

The collapse of an ecosystem so grand is a great loss to all U.S. citizens, indeed to the world.

In this era, when all of nature is being targeted by ruthless corporations who wish to get away with polluting, get away with creating climate havoc, get away with placing short-term profit over ecosystem health, the government must stand up for the right of species to exist.

I understand that, constitutionally, nature has no standing in our backward nation, built on hierarchies, but this understanding of the natural world is dead wrong and a hundred percent immoral. As the web of life is unwound, species go extinct, ecosystems collapse, life is extinguished, people starve, human culture is impoverished and made this world made unlivable. And while nature is not in the Constitution, we have a Bill of Rights entitling us to life. I consider all species, no matter how small to be life.

I encourage you to set human greed aside and make the difficult mandates to clean up and return water flows to the treasure of the Delta.

Thank you for your consideration,

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